

City of Riverside, California Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual

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SUBJECT: WORK UNIFORMS FOR EMPLOYEES (OTHER THAN PUBLIC SAFETY)

PURPOSE:

To provide a uniform City policy and define the responsibilities of management and employees concerning the issuance and use of work uniforms for employees other than public safety.

POLICY:

For designated field and shop categories of work and/or employees, the City shall:

- Provide work uniforms as protective clothing for those jobs where the work performed is such that apparel normally worn in that work would be subject to excessive wear or damage.
- 2. Require the wearing of work uniforms as identification clothing for those jobs where the work performed:
 - a. Involves high public contact;
 - b. Keeps the employee in constant public view; or
 - c. Necessitates quick and easy identification as a City employee.
- 3. Require the wearing of certain fabrics, specially colored shirts and/or other apparel for those jobs in work situations where employee safety is a factor.

<u>Exemption from Wearing Uniforms</u> - Where the kind of cloth, dyes used and/or cleaning preparations used result in a medical condition, the wearing of required work uniforms may be waived or alternative clothing may be provided. The affected employee shall be required to present a statement from a licensed physician attesting to the medical condition.

Failure of an employee or supervisor to comply with these requirements shall be grounds for disciplinary action.

PROCEDURE:

Responsibility Action

Department

 Designate classes of work and/or specific positions that shall be provided work uniforms.

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- 2. Determine, with consideration of employee input, the style of uniform as available under current contract and number of changes needed weekly by each employee.
- 3. Arrange for the pick-up, delivery, issue, and accounting of work uniform transactions with the approved vendor.
- 4. Periodically review classes/positions and number of uniform changes to assure effective control of costs.
- 5. Ensure work uniforms designated for a particular class and/or position are worn and, particularly, that special colored shirts and/or other apparel are worn in potentially hazardous work situations.
- Ensure employees change uniforms to maintain a good public appearance and that uniforms are not abused or misused.
- 7. Ensure uniforms are repaired or replaced as needed.
- 8. Wear the full work uniform provided when working. In particular, shirts are to be worn when working to reduce the potential for or severity of an injury.
- 9. Wear specially colored shirts and/or other apparel for potentially hazardous work situations.
- Wear City provided work uniforms for City work only.
- 11. Not abuse work uniforms, including the removal and/or defacing of City identification.

Immediate Supervisor

Employee